



October 10, 2023

Re: **Agreement to not upzone University Way NE** (“The Ave”) **during our tenure.**

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

As the candidates democratically selected by voters in the August primary to represent District 4 (which includes the University District and University Way NE), we agree on a very important policy matter affecting our district.

The U District community, including many of its vulnerable small businesses, stood together to remove The Ave (University Way NE) from the 2017 high-rise upzone. Preserving the unique quality that small independent businesses bring to the city and maintaining a pedestrian-friendly experience on this narrow street are critical to the sustainable development of this urban center.

You will recall that both candidates for our position on the council in the previous election cycle endorsed a similar letter in support. ***We will follow their lead and agree to not upzone The Ave during our tenure on the council.***

The Ave is a special and historic place. Preserving it provides a serious public good, directly experienced by hundreds of thousands of people every year.

Thank you for your consideration and each of us looks forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Ron Davis Signed electronically

Ron Davis, District 4 Candidate

Declined to sign, see statement following

Maritza Rivera, District 4 Candidate

cc: Bruce Harrell, Mayor of Seattle
Tammy Morales, Seattle City Councilmember, District 2
Alex Pedersen, Seattle City Councilmember, District 4
Dan Strauss, Seattle City Councilmember, District 6
Teresa Mosqueda, Seattle City Councilmember, Position 8
Rico Quirindongo, Director, Office of Planning & Community Development

Lisa Herbold, Seattle City Councilmember, District 1
Kshama Sawant, Seattle City Councilmember, District 3
Debora Juarez, Seattle City Councilmember, District 5
Andrew Lewis, Seattle City Councilmember, District 7
Sara Nelson, Seattle City Councilmember, Position 9

Statement from **Maritza Rivera**:

"If I'm elected in November, I am committed to bringing a thoughtful and unbiased approach to reviewing any proposal put before me. I look forward to working with the U District community, and all the residents and businesses in the D4, on this and other issues of concern for the District. My door will always be open to the voters and organizations that make up our community."